(c) the funds allocated for this purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that no new area has been located in the existing Bhati mines in Delhi during the last one year.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Establishment of a development council for fish processing industry**

2611. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a development council for fish processing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Development Council for Marine, Meat and Poultry indutries is being constituted.

**Production of raw cotton**

2612. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of raw cotton during the last five years;

(b) what was the total export and import of raw cotton during the said period; and

(c) what was the reason for the increase in the cotton yarn price for the handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The total production of cotton (lint) during the last five years was 369 lakh bales of 170 Kg. each as indicated below:

(Lakh bales of 170 Kg. each)

| *Year* | *Production* |
|---|---|
| 1983-84 . . . . . | 64 |
| 1984-85 . . . . . | 85 |
| 1985-86 . . . . . | 87 |
| 1986-87 . . . . . | 69 |
| 1987-88 . . . . . | 64 |
| TOTAL : | 369 |

(b) The total export and import of cotton during the said period i.e., 1983-84 to 1987-88 were 24.1 lakh bales and 0.8 lakh bales respectively

(c) The increase in the prices of cotton yarn for the handloom sector can be attributed to factors such as rise in the prices of cotton and incease in demand for cotton yarn.

**Appointment of workers in Vasant Vihar CPWD complex**

2613. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD Enquiry of Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, New Delhi the workers are appointed without having knowledge of the character antecedents, which the worker bears;

(b) whether Government propose to get the character antecedents verified through Police authorities of all the workers employed by the CPWD for maintenance work through Contractors in the near future; if so, by when and if not the reasons; and

(c) whether any demand from the residents of that area had been received by the CPWD authorities concerned; if so the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Verification of character antecedents